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The Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OSCAR) provides a weekly snapshot of the availability of marine shipping containers at 18 different intermodal locations for the westbound transpacific trade lanes. The data shows the availability for five types of equipment, including 20 and 40ft dry, 20 and 40ft refrigerated, and 40ft high-cube containers, and provides estimates of equipment availability for the current week and projections two weeks out. The data are voluntarily provided to AMS by six members of the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA).

Note: Corrections made to Kansas City data on March 24, 2014

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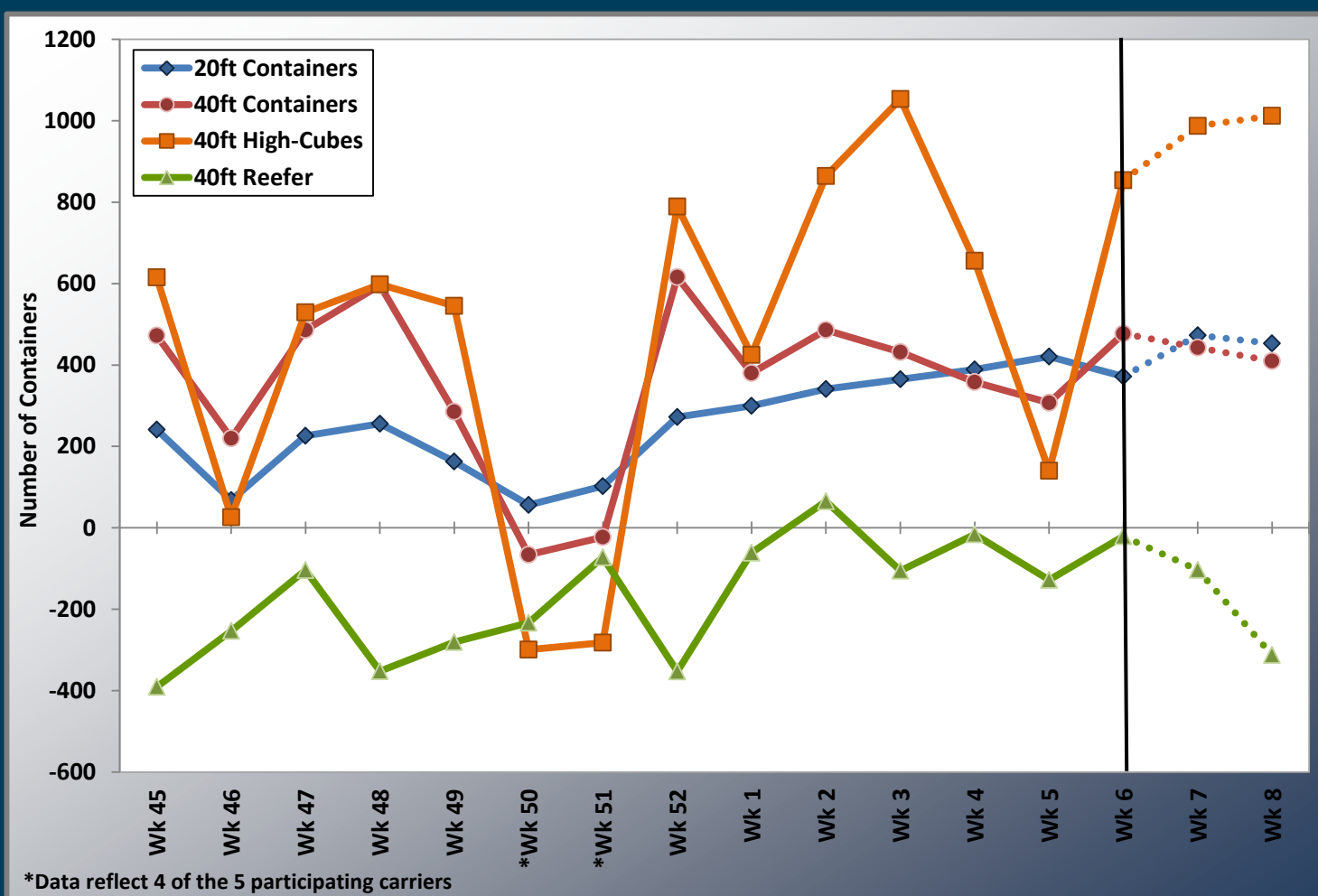
# Location Specific Container Availability Analysis

## Historical Analysis of Tacoma

The Port of Tacoma, WA, consistently ranks among the top 5 U.S. export ports for total and containerized water-borne agricultural exports. Between January and March 2013, Tacoma moved more than 804 thousand metric tons of containerized agricultural exports. Just over 50 percent of the commodities were grain products, including soybeans, followed by vegetables (16 percent), fruit (7 percent), and meat (5 percent).<sup>1</sup> Approximately 74 percent of containerized agricultural exports moved in 40ft containers; 18 percent moved in 20ft containers. Because refrigerated exports such as fruit and meat are among the top containerized agricultural products through Tacoma, data for 40ft refrigerated containers is included in the historical graphic below.

Container availability estimates in Tacoma for 20ft and 40ft dry containers and 40ft high-cube containers followed a similar pattern from mid-November through the end of the year. In January, however, availability estimates diverged for 40ft high-cube containers, exhibiting 2 weeks of strong increases to more than 1,000 units followed by 2 weeks of decreases to 140 units. Last week's estimates bounced back to more than 850 units. The demand for 40ft refrigerated containers has been stronger than the equipment supply for most of the period since mid-November; however, the overall trend has improved since the beginning of the year. Projections for the next 2 weeks are expected to increase for 40ft high-cube and 20ft dry containers but decrease for 40ft dry and refrigerated containers.

<sup>2</sup>Weekly Container Availability Estimates in Tacoma, 2nd week of November, 2013 (Wk 45) through 2nd week of February (Wk 6), 2014, with Projections



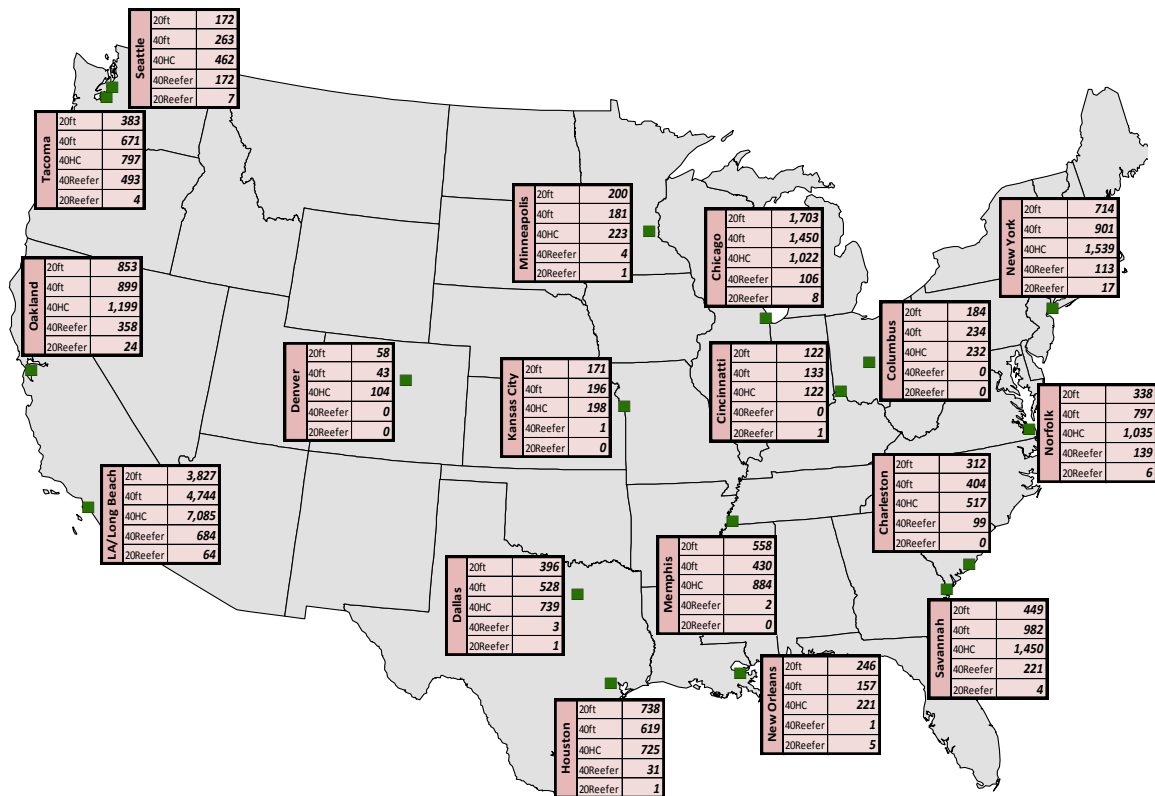
<sup>1</sup> Source: USDA/Agricultural Marketing Service/Transportation Services Division analysis of Port Import Export Reporting Service (PIERS) data .  
<sup>2</sup> Below-zero estimates indicate demand for containers is greater than supply.

# National Overview

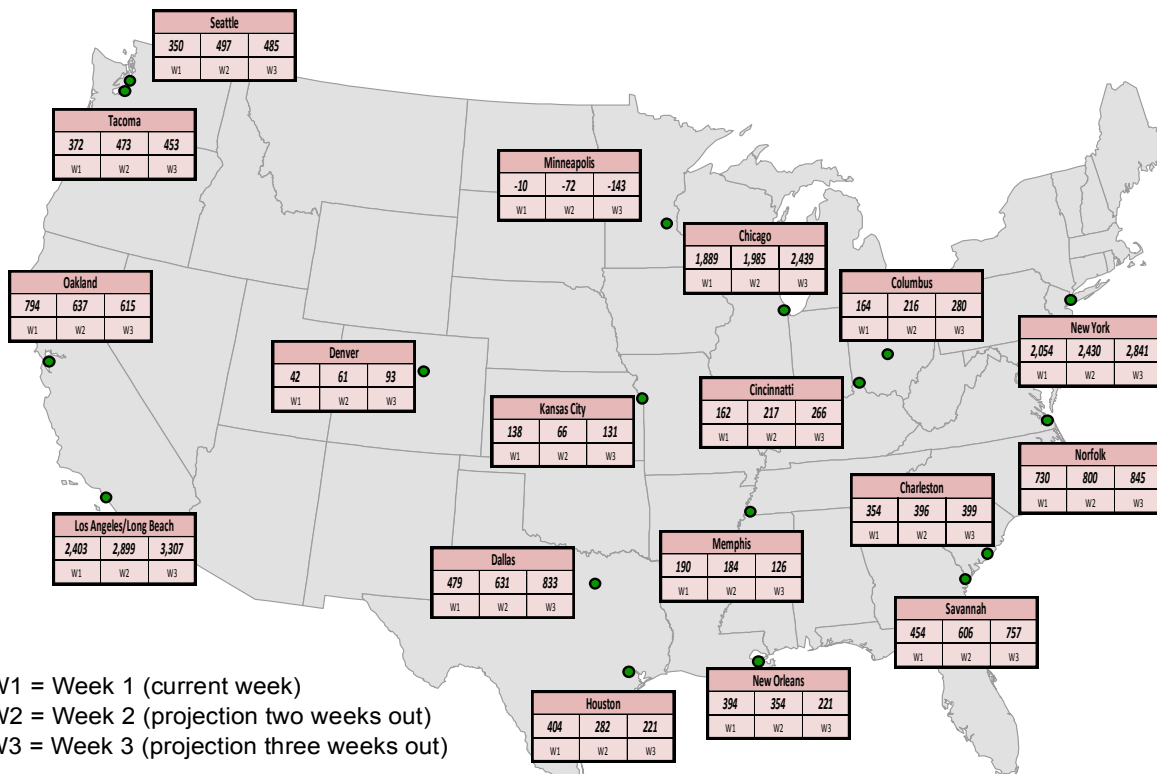
Week of Feb 5-11, 2014



## Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput



## Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Dry Containers



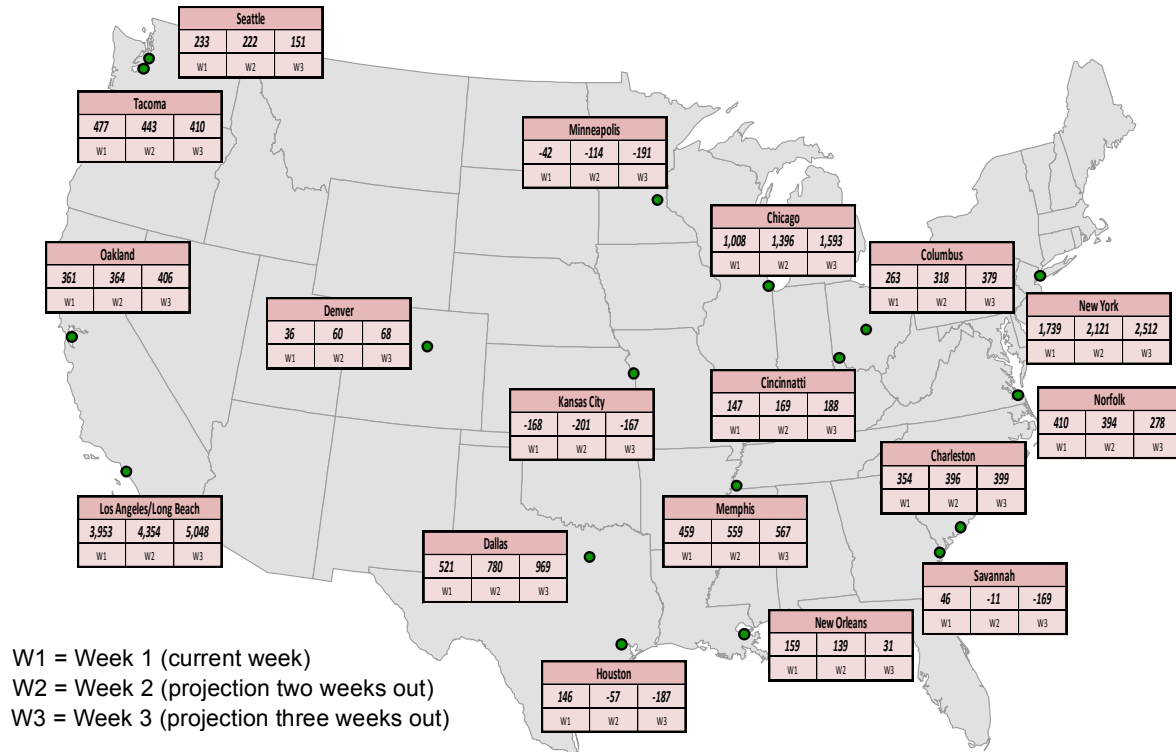
W1 = Week 1 (current week)

W2 = Week 2 (projection two weeks out)

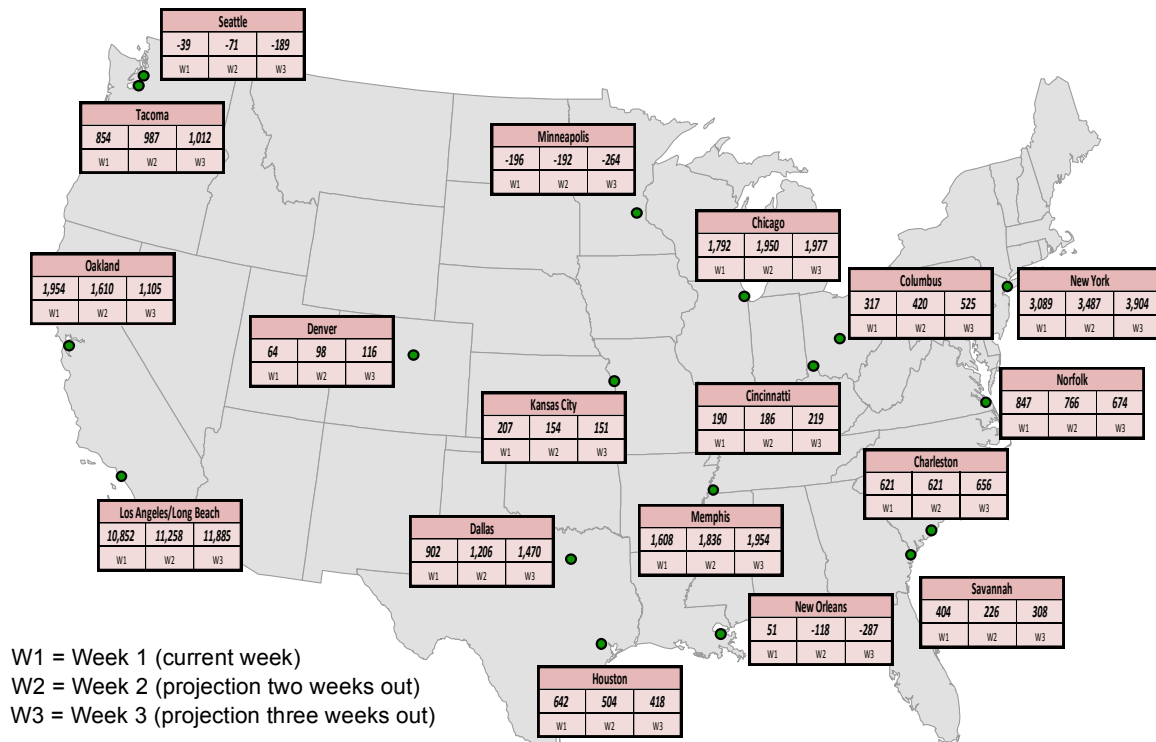
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## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Dry Containers



## Average Weekly Availability for 40ft High Cube Containers



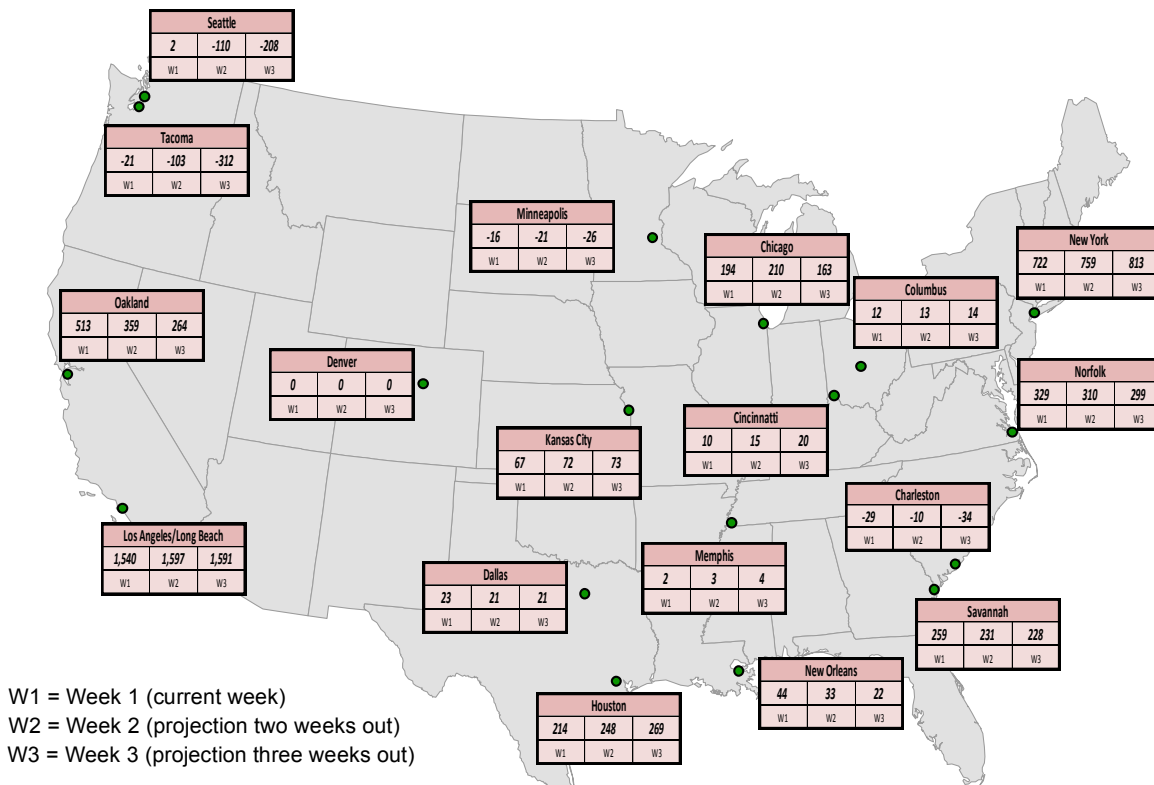


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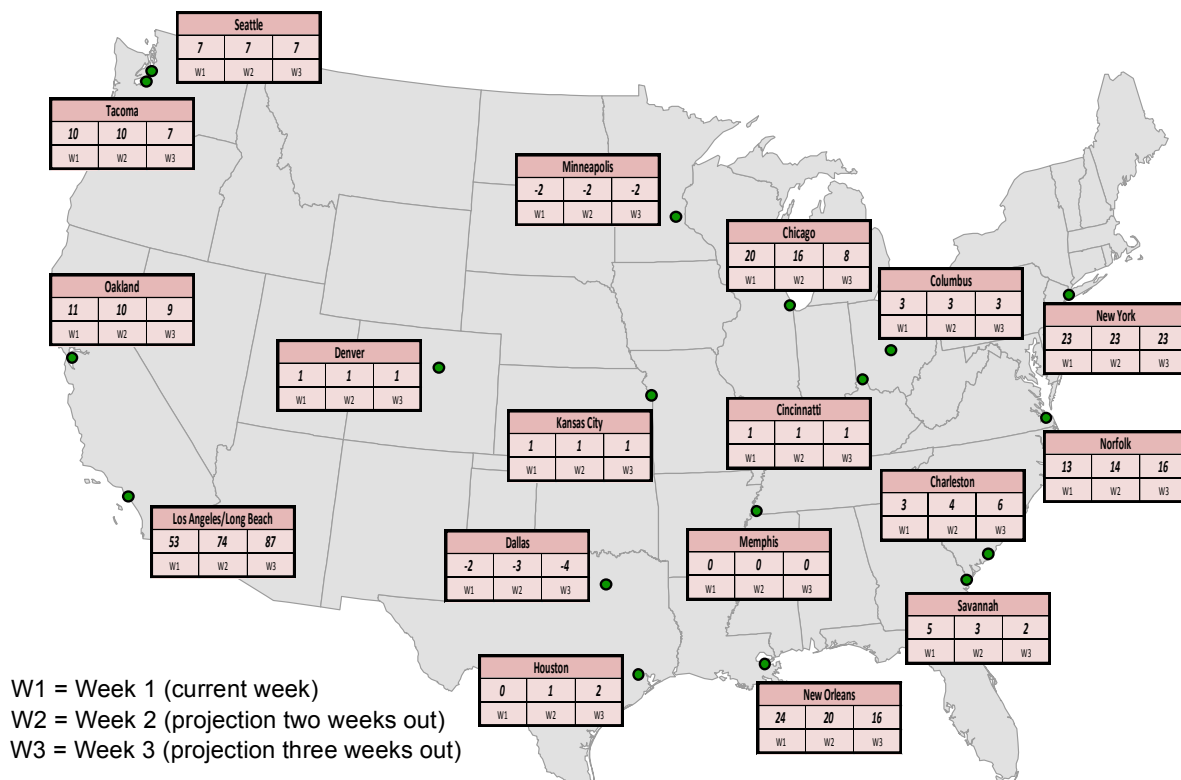
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### Average Weekly Availability for 40ft Refrigerated Containers



### Average Weekly Availability for 20ft Refrigerated Containers





Charleston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	102	97	70	47	34	4	.	.	.	.	354
Week 2: Feb 12-18	126	101	70	34	62	3	.	.	.	.	396
Week 3: Feb 19-25	117	95	70	27	87	3	.	.	.	.	399
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	158	136	125	59	25	3	.	.	.	.	506
Week 2: Feb 12-18	116	173	177	81	25	2	.	.	.	.	574
Week 3: Feb 19-25	102	162	308	54	25	3	.	.	.	.	654
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	257	149	114	58	40	3	.	.	.	.	621
Week 2: Feb 12-18	329	153	24	72	40	3	.	.	.	.	621
Week 3: Feb 19-25	390	150	21	53	40	2	.	.	.	.	656
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	60	22	9	5	2	-127	.	.	.	.	-29
Week 2: Feb 12-18	47	25	10	5	2	-99	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 3: Feb 19-25	26	28	10	5	1	-104	.	.	.	.	-34
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	2	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Feb 12-18	3	1	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
Week 3: Feb 19-25	4	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	6

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	312	0...108
40ft	404	0...200
40ft High Cubes	517	17...200
40ft Refrigerated	99	0...60
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Chicago											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	971	449	403	85	2	-21	.	.	.	.	1,889
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1,217	230	445	85	8	0	.	.	.	.	1,985
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,471	465	415	85	8	-5	.	.	.	.	2,439
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	299	284	224	200	4	-3	.	.	.	.	1,008
Week 2: Feb 12-18	362	262	553	200	6	13	.	.	.	.	1,396
Week 3: Feb 19-25	421	452	503	200	7	10	.	.	.	.	1,593
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	800	379	299	238	75	1	.	.	.	.	1,792
Week 2: Feb 12-18	800	531	397	145	73	4	.	.	.	.	1,950
Week 3: Feb 19-25	800	383	486	240	62	6	.	.	.	.	1,977
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	104	68	15	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	194
Week 2: Feb 12-18	120	63	20	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	210
Week 3: Feb 19-25	84	57	15	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	163
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	17	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 2: Feb 12-18	14	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16
Week 3: Feb 19-25	11	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	8

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	1,703	93...600
40ft	1,450	5...302
40ft High Cubes	1,022	34...405
40ft Refrigerated	106	0...51
20ft Refrigerated	8	0...4

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Cincinnati											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	54	46	37	14	10	1	.	.	.	.	162
Week 2: Feb 12-18	68	73	51	12	10	3	.	.	.	.	217
Week 3: Feb 19-25	69	94	74	18	10	1	.	.	.	.	266
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	56	30	26	21	14	0	.	.	.	.	147
Week 2: Feb 12-18	68	30	38	17	14	2	.	.	.	.	169
Week 3: Feb 19-25	76	30	50	15	16	1	.	.	.	.	188
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	75	64	18	16	10	7	.	.	.	.	190
Week 2: Feb 12-18	75	82	14	11	2	2	.	.	.	.	186
Week 3: Feb 19-25	75	103	14	12	2	13	.	.	.	.	219
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	10	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Feb 12-18	15	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	15
Week 3: Feb 19-25	20	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	122	7...35
40ft	133	8...30
40ft High Cubes	122	11...35
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Columbus											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	79	44	23	10	6	2	.	.	.	.	164
Week 2: Feb 12-18	99	69	28	12	6	2	.	.	.	.	216
Week 3: Feb 19-25	118	91	52	12	6	1	.	.	.	.	280
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	106	80	50	11	11	5	.	.	.	.	263
Week 2: Feb 12-18	145	94	50	17	11	1	.	.	.	.	318
Week 3: Feb 19-25	172	108	50	35	16	-2	.	.	.	.	379
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	154	79	40	30	15	-1	.	.	.	.	317
Week 2: Feb 12-18	217	111	48	30	15	-1	.	.	.	.	420
Week 3: Feb 19-25	279	143	62	30	14	-3	.	.	.	.	525
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	12	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	12
Week 2: Feb 12-18	13	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 3: Feb 19-25	14	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 2: Feb 12-18	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Feb 19-25	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	184	8...60
40ft	234	6...80
40ft High Cubes	232	15...60
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Dallas											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	142	110	79	70	68	10	.	.	.	.	479
Week 2: Feb 12-18	271	83	128	70	69	10	.	.	.	.	631
Week 3: Feb 19-25	392	75	177	70	109	10	.	.	.	.	833
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	211	169	138	50	9	-56	.	.	.	.	521
Week 2: Feb 12-18	257	276	164	50	7	26	.	.	.	.	780
Week 3: Feb 19-25	330	383	155	50	10	41	.	.	.	.	969
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	322	194	188	180	9	9	.	.	.	.	902
Week 2: Feb 12-18	348	340	239	180	91	8	.	.	.	.	1,206
Week 3: Feb 19-25	477	490	210	180	102	11	.	.	.	.	1,470
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	28	0	-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Feb 12-18	27	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
Week 3: Feb 19-25	28	0	-7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	21
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Feb 12-18	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-3
Week 3: Feb 19-25	-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-4

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	396	5...150
40ft	528	12...250
40ft High Cubes	739	22...250
40ft Refrigerated	3	0...3
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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Denver											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	35	7	4	2	1	-7	.	.	.	.	42
Week 2: Feb 12-18	53	7	5	2	0	-6	.	.	.	.	61
Week 3: Feb 19-25	73	7	16	2	0	-5	.	.	.	.	93
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	14	9	7	3	2	1	.	.	.	.	36
Week 2: Feb 12-18	16	28	9	3	3	1	.	.	.	.	60
Week 3: Feb 19-25	8	47	8	3	1	1	.	.	.	.	68
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	23	15	10	8	7	1	.	.	.	.	64
Week 2: Feb 12-18	45	15	25	7	7	-1	.	.	.	.	98
Week 3: Feb 19-25	67	15	20	8	7	-1	.	.	.	.	116
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 12-18	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 19-25	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	58	3...17
40ft	43	1...10
40ft High Cubes	104	1...50
40ft Refrigerated	0	0...0
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

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Houston											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	500	75	33	10	-44	-170	.	.	.	.	404
Week 2: Feb 12-18	500	25	12	9	-13	-251	.	.	.	.	282
Week 3: Feb 19-25	500	38	8	10	24	-359	.	.	.	.	221
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	400	83	4	2	2	-345	.	.	.	.	146
Week 2: Feb 12-18	400	25	2	-32	3	-455	.	.	.	.	-57
Week 3: Feb 19-25	400	26	1	-39	3	-578	.	.	.	.	-187
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	600	129	27	5	-30	-89	.	.	.	.	642
Week 2: Feb 12-18	600	115	34	2	-5	-242	.	.	.	.	504
Week 3: Feb 19-25	600	74	65	2	-10	-313	.	.	.	.	418
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	150	39	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	214
Week 2: Feb 12-18	160	63	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	248
Week 3: Feb 19-25	170	74	23	2	0	.	.	.	.	.	269
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	8	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 12-18	9	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 19-25	10	0	-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	738	50...316
40ft	619	50...126
40ft High Cubes	725	26...355
40ft Refrigerated	31	0...12
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe





Kansas City											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	75	60	13	1	0	-11	.	.	.	.	138
Week 2: Feb 12-18	-25	60	22	2	18	-11	.	.	.	.	66
Week 3: Feb 19-25	14	60	31	1	35	-10	.	.	.	.	131
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	39	32	9	3	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-168
Week 2: Feb 12-18	50	35	-38	3	-11	-240	.	.	.	.	-201
Week 3: Feb 19-25	84	34	-40	7	-12	-240	.	.	.	.	-167
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	220	28	23	6	-14	-56	.	.	.	.	207
Week 2: Feb 12-18	220	-2	35	-12	-15	-72	.	.	.	.	154
Week 3: Feb 19-25	220	22	30	-15	-15	-91	.	.	.	.	151
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	34	33	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	67
Week 2: Feb 12-18	28	44	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	72
Week 3: Feb 19-25	22	51	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	73
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	171	7...60
40ft	196	9...75
40ft High Cubes	198	14...59
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Los Angeles and Long Beach											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	833	800	567	345	44	-186	.	.	.	.	2,403
Week 2: Feb 12-18	753	800	736	528	40	42	.	.	.	.	2,899
Week 3: Feb 19-25	745	800	987	710	43	22	.	.	.	.	3,307
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1,252	1,150	874	566	57	54	.	.	.	.	3,953
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1,475	1,150	872	615	190	52	.	.	.	.	4,354
Week 3: Feb 19-25	2,056	1,150	850	622	325	45	.	.	.	.	5,048
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	5,550	2,661	1,259	1,207	123	52	.	.	.	.	10,852
Week 2: Feb 12-18	5,550	3,132	1,279	1,183	57	57	.	.	.	.	11,258
Week 3: Feb 19-25	5,550	3,980	1,180	1,126	-1	50	.	.	.	.	11,885
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	473	440	246	180	126	75	.	.	.	.	1,540
Week 2: Feb 12-18	440	431	276	190	185	75	.	.	.	.	1,597
Week 3: Feb 19-25	356	532	305	188	135	75	.	.	.	.	1,591
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	28	15	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	53
Week 2: Feb 12-18	39	25	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	74
Week 3: Feb 19-25	51	26	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	87

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	3,827	46...2500
40ft	4,744	83...3000
40ft High Cubes	7,085	203...3300
40ft Refrigerated	684	21...300
20ft Refrigerated	64	1...50

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe

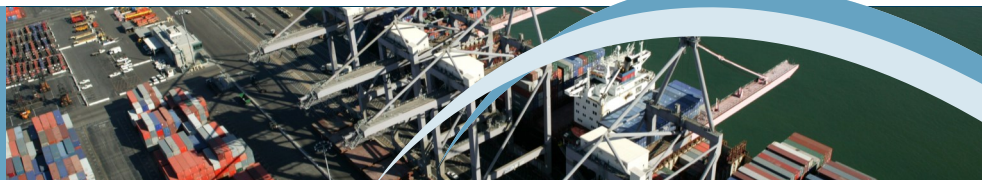


Memphis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	145	73	4	3	0	-35	.	.	.	.	190
Week 2: Feb 12-18	145	59	1	1	-1	-21	.	.	.	.	184
Week 3: Feb 19-25	145	58	3	0	-10	-70	.	.	.	.	126
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	260	172	117	4	4	-98	.	.	.	.	459
Week 2: Feb 12-18	260	162	232	2	3	-100	.	.	.	.	559
Week 3: Feb 19-25	260	209	187	1	3	-93	.	.	.	.	567
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1,100	262	188	36	13	9	.	.	.	.	1,608
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1,100	449	208	69	3	7	.	.	.	.	1,836
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,100	486	249	112	1	6	.	.	.	.	1,954
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	4	0	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Feb 12-18	4	0	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Feb 19-25	4	0	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 2: Feb 12-18	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0
Week 3: Feb 19-25	0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	558	11...300
40ft	430	11...200
40ft High Cubes	884	9...600
40ft Refrigerated	2	0...2
20ft Refrigerated	0	0...0

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Minneapolis											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	90	66	35	-6	-14	-181	.	.	.	.	-10
Week 2: Feb 12-18	90	101	16	-8	-8	-263	.	.	.	.	-72
Week 3: Feb 19-25	90	104	14	-7	-10	-334	.	.	.	.	-143
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	190	15	5	-2	-21	-229	.	.	.	.	-42
Week 2: Feb 12-18	190	23	-2	-8	-25	-292	.	.	.	.	-114
Week 3: Feb 19-25	190	6	-6	-10	-26	-345	.	.	.	.	-191
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	38	8	1	-8	-21	-214	.	.	.	.	-196
Week 2: Feb 12-18	58	8	1	-8	-3	-248	.	.	.	.	-192
Week 3: Feb 19-25	67	5	1	-9	-7	-321	.	.	.	.	-264
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	0	-16	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-16
Week 2: Feb 12-18	0	-21	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 3: Feb 19-25	0	-26	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-26
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 2: Feb 12-18	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2
Week 3: Feb 19-25	-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	-2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	200	3...102
40ft	181	1...80
40ft High Cubes	223	2...144
40ft Refrigerated	4	0...4
20ft Refrigerated	1	0...1

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New Orleans											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	343	32	14	5	0	0	.	.	.	.	394
Week 2: Feb 12-18	303	35	11	6	0	-1	.	.	.	.	354
Week 3: Feb 19-25	182	25	10	6	0	-2	.	.	.	.	221
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	89	41	20	10	0	-1	.	.	.	.	159
Week 2: Feb 12-18	71	33	20	14	0	1	.	.	.	.	139
Week 3: Feb 19-25	-18	21	17	12	0	-1	.	.	.	.	31
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	38	22	12	0	0	-21	.	.	.	.	51
Week 2: Feb 12-18	29	-123	12	0	1	-37	.	.	.	.	-118
Week 3: Feb 19-25	32	-271	9	0	-2	-55	.	.	.	.	-287
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	50	0	-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	44
Week 2: Feb 12-18	48	0	-15	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	33
Week 3: Feb 19-25	46	0	-24	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	22
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	18	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	24
Week 2: Feb 12-18	14	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	20
Week 3: Feb 19-25	10	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	246	5...158
40ft	157	5...80
40ft High Cubes	221	5...139
40ft Refrigerated	1	0...1
20ft Refrigerated	5	0...5

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New York											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	738	600	378	161	159	18	.	.	.	.	2,054
Week 2: Feb 12-18	849	600	450	298	208	25	.	.	.	.	2,430
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,183	600	567	282	189	20	.	.	.	.	2,841
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	792	335	330	301	20	-39	.	.	.	.	1,739
Week 2: Feb 12-18	905	488	330	353	23	22	.	.	.	.	2,121
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,056	763	330	328	20	15	.	.	.	.	2,512
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1,479	1,330	185	73	20	2	.	.	.	.	3,089
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1,587	1,330	417	76	33	44	.	.	.	.	3,487
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,729	1,330	757	23	30	35	.	.	.	.	3,904
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	275	200	140	52	45	10	.	.	.	.	722
Week 2: Feb 12-18	357	200	66	57	69	10	.	.	.	.	759
Week 3: Feb 19-25	346	200	104	22	131	10	.	.	.	.	813
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	17	5	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 2: Feb 12-18	19	5	-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23
Week 3: Feb 19-25	21	5	-3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	23

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	714	3...150
40ft	901	56...250
40ft High Cubes	1,539	87...400
40ft Refrigerated	113	0...36
20ft Refrigerated	17	0...10

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Norfolk											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	369	186	105	60	8	2	.	.	.	.	730
Week 2: Feb 12-18	356	190	166	60	9	19	.	.	.	.	800
Week 3: Feb 19-25	323	208	230	60	9	15	.	.	.	.	845
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	149	100	91	49	11	10	.	.	.	.	410
Week 2: Feb 12-18	187	100	171	-29	-45	10	.	.	.	.	394
Week 3: Feb 19-25	147	100	163	-87	-55	10	.	.	.	.	278
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	453	235	170	16	12	-39	.	.	.	.	847
Week 2: Feb 12-18	459	253	170	-26	9	-99	.	.	.	.	766
Week 3: Feb 19-25	452	210	170	-62	9	-105	.	.	.	.	674
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	193	118	38	10	4	-34	.	.	.	.	329
Week 2: Feb 12-18	186	106	48	10	3	-43	.	.	.	.	310
Week 3: Feb 19-25	179	87	61	10	1	-39	.	.	.	.	299
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	11	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	13
Week 2: Feb 12-18	12	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	14
Week 3: Feb 19-25	13	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	16

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	338	1...175
40ft	797	8...200
40ft High Cubes	1,035	74...300
40ft Refrigerated	139	0...58
20ft Refrigerated	6	0...5

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Oakland											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	436	212	190	8	0	-52	.	.	.	.	794
Week 2: Feb 12-18	385	94	190	9	32	-73	.	.	.	.	637
Week 3: Feb 19-25	354	88	190	10	63	-90	.	.	.	.	615
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	524	100	8	3	-53	-221	.	.	.	.	361
Week 2: Feb 12-18	580	100	8	-14	-55	-255	.	.	.	.	364
Week 3: Feb 19-25	622	100	11	-16	-36	-275	.	.	.	.	406
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1,145	700	291	180	9	-371	.	.	.	.	1,954
Week 2: Feb 12-18	688	700	312	185	7	-282	.	.	.	.	1,610
Week 3: Feb 19-25	231	700	263	197	8	-294	.	.	.	.	1,105
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	452	73	30	26	10	-78	.	.	.	.	513
Week 2: Feb 12-18	326	54	30	9	10	-70	.	.	.	.	359
Week 3: Feb 19-25	272	31	30	-8	10	-71	.	.	.	.	264
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	11	10	-10	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	11
Week 2: Feb 12-18	14	10	-14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 19-25	17	10	-18	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	9

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	853	26...250
40ft	899	14...300
40ft High Cubes	1,199	34...400
40ft Refrigerated	358	26...120
20ft Refrigerated	24	0...8

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Savannah											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	136	110	105	54	46	3	.	.	.	.	454
Week 2: Feb 12-18	233	110	106	62	92	3	.	.	.	.	606
Week 3: Feb 19-25	321	110	140	55	128	3	.	.	.	.	757
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	364	130	4	-18	-137	-297	.	.	.	.	46
Week 2: Feb 12-18	286	130	2	67	-53	-443	.	.	.	.	-11
Week 3: Feb 19-25	307	130	3	42	-56	-595	.	.	.	.	-169
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	588	200	0	-15	-106	-263	.	.	.	.	404
Week 2: Feb 12-18	426	200	0	-5	-37	-358	.	.	.	.	226
Week 3: Feb 19-25	586	200	0	33	-45	-466	.	.	.	.	308
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	96	70	63	60	10	-40	.	.	.	.	259
Week 2: Feb 12-18	125	62	33	60	10	-59	.	.	.	.	231
Week 3: Feb 19-25	153	46	22	50	10	-53	.	.	.	.	228
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	2	2	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	5
Week 2: Feb 12-18	2	0	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3
Week 3: Feb 19-25	2	-1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	449	0...150
40ft	982	0...409
40ft High Cubes	1,450	21...385
40ft Refrigerated	221	0...80
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...2

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Seattle											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	242	60	41	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	350
Week 2: Feb 12-18	386	60	42	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	497
Week 3: Feb 19-25	375	60	41	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	485
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	187	30	12	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	233
Week 2: Feb 12-18	211	30	-29	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	222
Week 3: Feb 19-25	176	30	-65	10	.	.	.	.	.	.	151
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	34	30	6	-109	.	.	.	.	.	.	-39
Week 2: Feb 12-18	-13	30	4	-92	.	.	.	.	.	.	-71
Week 3: Feb 19-25	-40	30	9	-188	.	.	.	.	.	.	-189
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	60	20	10	-88	.	.	.	.	.	.	2
Week 2: Feb 12-18	63	20	10	-203	.	.	.	.	.	.	-110
Week 3: Feb 19-25	82	20	10	-320	.	.	.	.	.	.	-208
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 2: Feb 12-18	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7
Week 3: Feb 19-25	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

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Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	172	29...70
40ft	263	7...91
40ft High Cubes	462	104...148
40ft Refrigerated	172	0...122
20ft Refrigerated	7	0...5

\*Data reflect the sum of the individual carriers' average weekly throughput over a 6-month timeframe



Tacoma											
20ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	205	152	30	8	-23	.	.	.	.	.	372
Week 2: Feb 12-18	196	171	30	8	68	.	.	.	.	.	473
Week 3: Feb 19-25	180	179	30	8	56	.	.	.	.	.	453
40ft Dry											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	521	20	7	-9	-62	.	.	.	.	.	477
Week 2: Feb 12-18	542	20	8	-49	-78	.	.	.	.	.	443
Week 3: Feb 19-25	523	20	8	-55	-86	.	.	.	.	.	410
40ft High Cube											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	1,146	120	64	8	-484	.	.	.	.	.	854
Week 2: Feb 12-18	1,082	120	85	9	-309	.	.	.	.	.	987
Week 3: Feb 19-25	1,118	120	84	10	-320	.	.	.	.	.	1,012
40ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	152	67	5	0	-245	.	.	.	.	.	-21
Week 2: Feb 12-18	137	-71	5	0	-174	.	.	.	.	.	-103
Week 3: Feb 19-25	108	-218	5	0	-207	.	.	.	.	.	-312
20ft Refrigerated											
	Carrier Availability Category Responses										Total
Current Week: Feb 5-11	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 2: Feb 12-18	9	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	10
Week 3: Feb 19-25	6	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	7

Note: "." denotes no response from carriers.

Six-Month Snapshot of Average Weekly Throughput		
June 2012-November 2012		
Container Types	Average Total Weekly Throughput*	Range of Individual Carrier Responses
20ft	383	1...300
40ft	671	15...500
40ft High Cubes	797	76...600
40ft Refrigerated	493	0...203
20ft Refrigerated	4	0...4

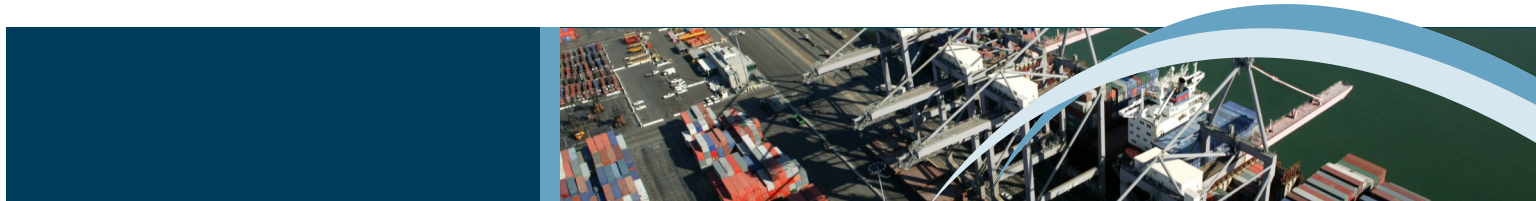
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## Understanding this Report

The weekly Ocean Shipping Container Availability Report (OCSAR) provides a snapshot of container availability for westbound transpacific trade lanes at select intermodal locations around the country. The data presented in this report are gathered from 6 member carriers in the Transpacific Stabilization Agreement (TSA). The TSA carriers include COSCO, Evergreen, Hanjin Shipping, Hapag Lloyd, Yang Ming Transport Corporation, and OOCL.

- The data are estimates of container availability per week by the participating carriers. The carriers determine container availability by comparing current supplies at each of the 18 intermodal locations with the demand for these containers based on up-to-date bookings or reservation information in the westbound transpacific trade lane.
- Each week, participating carriers report the estimated number of containers available for the current week (W1) as well as estimates for the subsequent 2 weeks (W2 and W3).
- Maps on pages 3–5 offer a national overview of weekly container availability, as well as an average of availability over the past 6 months. The weekly national data are derived from the sum of the individual carrier responses at each intermodal location.
- Individual carrier responses are presented by location on pages 6–23 and have been sorted from largest to smallest. To maintain carrier confidentiality, specific carrier identification is not provided.
- Carrier responses showing negative numbers, such as -29, should be interpreted as meaning that 29 containers are needed by shippers but the carrier is not able to supply them. A positive number, such as 64, would mean 64 containers are available that are not demanded. An indication of 0 means the carriers have the exact amount of containers needed based on current supply and demand estimates.
- In addition to the weekly container availability data, the participating carriers provide average weekly throughput data for the past 6 months. These data help readers understand the aggregate flow of containers that have moved through the 18 select locations by the 8 participating carriers over the previous 6 months. These data will only be updated every 6 months.
- Availability levels are subject to change, and may be affected by delays in return of equipment to carriers by shippers or consignees, and by free time restrictions imposed by railroads. Due to the dynamic nature of the container industry, carriers cannot be held responsible for the level of availability at the time of inquiry.
- Data presented in the report do not imply availability of chassis.
- Container availability estimates represent availability for all export cargo, not just agricultural products.
- USDA collects these data on a voluntary basis and cannot be held responsible for the status of container availability when a reader makes inquiry with an ocean carrier. USDA relies on the participating ocean carriers to ensure the data is accurate.
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  - 20ft Dry Container (20ft): A standard shipping container that is 20 feet long.
  - 40ft Dry Container (40ft): A standard shipping container that is 40 feet long.
  - 40ft High-Cube (HC): A shipping container which is 40 feet long and 9 feet, 6 inches tall (1 foot taller than a standard 40ft dry container).
  - 40ft reefer: A refrigerated shipping container which is 40 feet long.
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